IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Brian W. Adkins et al.

Group Art Unit: 2856

Application No.: 09/930,966

Examiner: A. Jackson

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WATER JACKET MECHANICAL FLUID LEVEL MONITORING DEVICE FOR For:

CELL-CULTURE LABORATORY INCUBATORS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 13, 2003. A two month extension of time to June 13, 2003 is requested. The fee of \$410.00 is attached. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036. The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 2, 4, 8, 12, 14-15 and 20-22 as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) A mechanical fluid level monitoring device for an incubator,

comprising:

a mechanical liquid level gauge mounted flush with a face of the incubator; and

a scale disposed on said liquid level gauge.